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GENERAL MOTORS STRIKE

By Paul Shoup, President, Merchants and Manufacturers Association

The fact finding committee appointed by President Truman to develop the facts with respect to the General Motors strike has gone further and recommended an increase in wages of 17.5 per cent stated to be the equivalent established under the Railway Labor Act where the fact finding committee develops only the facts.

A "Fault Finding" Commission

The demand of the United Auto Workers Union CIO, for a fact finding committee in this instance was but a red herring across the trail. What Reuther wanted was a fault finding commission which exploring the company's books might criticize its projected estimates and expenditures in the difficult task of reconversion including undoubtedly the nature of the expenditures. The detailed annual and quarterly statements of the General Motors Corporation to its stockholders and its employees all public all certified to by independent public accoutants, all in conformity with federal corporate law and administrative rulings thereunder give full information as to the gross earnings, operating expenses, taxes, depreciation charges, reserves, profits, financial condition with debits and credits by items. To this statement General Motors offered to add any pertinent information with respect to wages, hours, working conditions. There was therefore not the slightest excuse for exploring the books of the General Motors Corporation.

The wage demand for 30 per cent increase or equivalent of the labor union was in line with the CIO demands in the major industries, steel, packing houses, electrical and so on throughout the country with or without "fact finding". This demand has been based upon the erroneous premise that the work week during the war was 48 hours (with 52 hours straight time pay) and it is now to be reduced to 40 hours. The work week in General Motors during the last year of the war was 45.6 hours on the average. It has offered an increase of 11.5 per cent. With time and a half after 40 hours and an assured average 45.6 hours work week, this would make the average weekly pay $63.44 compared with 56.93 for 56.6 hours in the war period.

Wages in Other Industries

I am advised by a number of the oil companies that they have settled on the 18 per cent increase being 3 per cent above their initial offer but with the definite understanding they are going back to the 40 hour week as fast as the reduction can be worked out. One large oil company telephoned me Saturday that the 40 week would be established immediately in such operations as come under the increase of 18 per cent. There is therefore no proper comparison as between the oil industry and the motor industry or any other industry on the basis of hours and indeed with the different conditions among the industries and among the different localities with differing wages and working conditions there is no proper basis for a comparison of any kind. The theory at Washington that rates of pay can be increased without the power of increasing prices is of course untenable in application to any industry. In the great majority cumulative elements of payroll from the production of raw material until the finished product reaches the consumer are by far the greatest element of cost to the purchaser.

General Motors Eemployees get 89 cents, owners 11 cents, of the divisible dollar.

The report of General Motors for 1944 shows that after all other expenses and taxes are paid, of the dollar left to divide between the payroll and the owners, 11 cents went to the owners of which 9 cents was paid out in dividends and the rest retained for expansion and conversion purposes. The problems of getting back into its peace time work of supplying automobiles and some fifty other articles useful in the daily lives of our people make very uncertain the number of dollars to be taken in and what after other expenses is left to be divided between owners and employees. Obviously General Motors has to deal with these problems of getting in the dollars managerially. They cannot be

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RESCUE PLANE PILOT TALKS TO LIONS CLUB

Charles Carveth formerly a major in the army air force, gave the Lions Club of Grass Valley a talk on his experiences in rescue work as developed over the North Sea and the English Channel.

Carveth a graduate of the Grass Valley high school and son of Mrs. Elizabeth Carveth of this city, said that plane rescues reached such an efficient basis that casualties among those in the rescue service dropped from 25% to .001%.

He told of the air-sea rescue of hundreds of pilots and crewmen who dropped into the North Sea during the continual forays made over Germany, France and the Netherlands. He described the survival equipment carried by the rescue planes. In addition to these devices were long range launches which made radio contact with "ditched" airmen. He stated that no person could survive more than 30 minutes in the extremely cold water of the North Sea.

Helicopters were used in the Himalayas to rescue pilots and crews forced down while flying the "hump" into China. In Alaska doctors and aids with their kitts were dropped to establish camp for a downed aircrew in snow fast regions, caring for the disaster victims until a plane could arrive to ski into the camp and out again. After these camps were supplied for by parchuted food and blankets until right conditions for rescue had been established.

NEVADA CITY BOY PETS HIROHITOS WHITE HORSE

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Foreman of this city, have received letters from their son Pfc. Starley Foreman with the 1st Cavalry bearing the Tokyo postmark.

Young Foreman has been overseas since February 6, 1945. He wears the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with one campagin star the Philippine liberation ribbon with one star and a presidential citation. He is graduate of the Nevada City high school and prior to entering the army was a truck driver for a railroad company.

When the 1st Cavalry arrived in Tokyo they were stationed near the imperial stables and young Foreman wrote that he had frequently had the emperor's white horse also a horse belonging to Tojo, eating sweets out his hand. While he continues to distrust adult Japs. Foreman wrote that he often had a group of the children around his heels. He said they seemed not to have either food or clothes enough. He said they were cute and very appealing.

Human Voice Heard 20 Miles In Arctic

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28—In the cold clear air of the Arctic the sound of the human voice may be heard up to 20 miles but in the hot dry California desert speech becomes inaudible in a few hundred feet.

So said Dr. Vern Knudsen professor of physics in reporting to the American Physical Society the effects of humidity and temperature on the propagation of sound in the atmosphere.

Knudsen and his assistants are conducting research at the present time to determine the influence of atmospheric conditions on sound—such as fog, smoke, pollen in the air. Fog for example has been found to absorb considerable sound, especially that of high pitch.

Such experiments may be put to use in a practical way in the designing of large auditoriums and radio studios installing public address systems, testing of acoustical materials for homes and offices and operation of sound signaling and sound ranging equipment by the army and navy.

PEDESTRIAN INJURIES

Motorists who violate a pedestrian right of way in a cross walk with resultant injury are now subject to a penalty of $500 or six months in jail or both.

WASHINGTON NOTES

By Congressman Clair Engle

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 — RETURN OF WAR DEAD—Several persons have written me wanting to know how they can apply to have the body of a veteran buried overseas removed to this country.

At the present time the War Department cannot act upon such applications.

The War Department has set up a program for the removal of war dead but it cannot be placed into effect until pending legislation is passed. There are three measures involved. One provides for the repatriation of the war dead, another for the establishment of additional national cemeteries (burial in a national or private cemetery will be optional) and a third for the appropriations to carry out the program.

When the legislation is enacted the office of the quartermaster general will notify each next of kin as to the method of making formal application. It will not be necessary for the applicant to contact the war department until an official notice is received.

Meanwhile the war department has assured us the graves of our fallen men are being given the best of care in military cemeteries overseas.

Anyone wishing to know the exact location of an overseas grave may write me and I shall be glad to obtain the information as quickly as possible. In making inquiry it will be necessary to include the service man's name, serial number the unit to which he was attached and the war theatre in which he died.

BALANCING THE BUDGET—The most encouraging item in the president's recent message was the fact that we are moving closer to a balanced budget. There is a reasonable prospect that next year the budget will not only be balanced but that we will be moving toward the retirement of some of our immense debt. The importance of this cannot be overestimated. The government cannot keep going in the red and more than a private business. Eventually the fiddler has to be paid and unless he is paid our whole economic structure will finally collapse. But our first step is to stop adding to that debt. Then we must be prepared to fact a long period of heavy taxation in order to pay it off. In my opinion there is nothing mysterious about government debt. It is the same as private debt except that the government owes it. And the only way to pay a debt is to dig down and pay out the money. That is what it is going to take to pay the national debt and that is why it is so important that we balance the budget and stop incurring more debt.

BUDGET FORECAST—In setting up the budget the treasury has to forecast tax revenues. This means that some of the people in the treasury department have to have a pretty good knowledge of business conditions. For instance, the treasury foresaw the cigaret shortage in its earlier predictions of tax rates. In its present forecast it shows revenues going down in cigarets, furs, jewelry, theatre admissions(toilet preparations, luggage, hand bags and other luxury items. Liquor revenues —not beer—will go up. Telephone revenues both toll and local will be smaller and there will be less money from transportation. An interesting forecast is lower rates from safe deposit boxes. Treasury officials seem to think that boxes are in use now by those simultaneously evading OPA and its own revenue officers.

VETERANS HOSPITALS—A number of people have asked me why the veterans administration is unwilling to take over DeWitt and at the same time is scheduled to build a hospital at Fresno. The veterans administration says that the hospital at Fresno will not be ready to operate for two years and that at that time the professional personnel which is preventing them from taking over DeWitt on at least a temporary basis will be available. I asked them how they reconciled Freson with their stated policy of keeping their hospitals near big metropolitan areas and they claim that they need a small intermediate hospital between Los Angeles and San Francisco. They plan similar construction at Klamath Falls to act as an intermediate hospital between San Francisco and Portland, Oregon. This will also be some two years in construction but in the meantime through an arrangement with the navy department which will continue to operate the military hospital at Camp White, 500 beds there have been made available for veterans in northern California and southern Oregon.

GRASS VALLEY VARSITY WINS BY TIGHT MARGIN

Grass Valley was winner in the A and B basket ball games played in the Nevada City high school gymnasium Friday evening in one of the most exciting classes thus far in the Sierra Foothill League schedule.

In the A game at half time the score was Grass Valley 15, Nevada City 11. At the end of the fourth quarter it was a tie, 23 to 23. At the end of the first extra period it was tied again at 27 to 27. At the end of the second extra period Grass Valley emerged victor 33 to Nevada City's 31.

High scores were made Hyatt and Ali with 11 each for Grass Valley, while Pellow or Nevada City made ten baskets.

Grass Valley B cagers won with 31 points to Nevada City's 26. Grass Valley held a lead throughout the game. At half time the score in favor of Grass Valley 19 to 12.

Daley was high man for Grass Valley with 11 points and Strok made 8 points for Nevada City.

FUNERAL TODAY FOR MRS. PETER ARBOGAST

Funeral services were held this morning in St. Canice Catholic Church for Mrs. Peter Arbogast wife of Peter Arbogast for half a century resident of Blue Tent northeast of this city.

The services were held under direction of Holmes Funeral Home with Rev. Virgil Gabrielli officiating. Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. Arbogast was a native of Timbucktoo, Yuba County, near Smartville. She was 82 years of age, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Landrigan who came to California from Australia in first years of gold rush. The deceased had been in ill health for several years.

Surviving are her husband Peter Arbogast sons Raemah and Kenneth Arbogast of Blue Tent and daughter Mrs. Retta Morgan of Sacramento and Mrs. Mary Skeahan of Nevada City. A sister Mrs. Thomas Corcoran of Town Talk, Nevada County is also bereaved. There are eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

ANTONE BUCK SUMMONED

Antone Buck passed away at the Miners Hospital Sunday night at 10:30 after a brief illness.

He was a member of the well-known Buck family of Moores Flat but for the past several manths he had been making his home in this city with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Buck. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

MRS. MARY HICKS OF GRASS VALLEY SUCCUMBS

Mrs. Mary Hicks died Sunday evening after several months of poor health.

Mrs. Hicks was born in Cornwall, England, 95 years ago. She celebrated her 95th birthday on January 20. She had lived in Grass Valley 63 years.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Marie Jane Deeble, five grandchildren and one great grandson.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday afternoon in the chapel of Hooper and Weaver Mortuary at 2 p. m. Interment will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

REACTIVITATION NATIONAL GUARD IS DELAYED

Reactivation of California's National Guard as a functioning state military force is not expected to be accomplished until late this year or early in 1947, Brig. Gen. Victor R. Hanson the state adjutant general declared in an analysis of published war department policies relating to the post war national guard.

Gen. Hanson explained that the war department has divided activation of national guard units as state forces into three phases—the first being return of national guard units from active duty overseas which is new being accomplished and inactivation of all national guard organizations in federal service.

California's 40th infantry division now in federal service in the Asiatic Pacific theatre is still in this first phase Gen. Hanson pointed out and at latest word is scheduled for return to this country in March for inactivation.

The news of scheduled return of the 40th division from overseas has given rise to the general misapprehension that California's national guard will begin functioning again at that date.

However it can be seen through a careful study of the war department plans for post war national guard units that California's national guard units will not be returned to state status and control for many months.

As the next step in Phase one the war department has prepared a troop basis plan—the plan governing size, strength and type for all post war national guard units. In conformity with this plan California will be realloted existing units of the national guard being held inactive under war department control and slated for retention in the post war establishment.

Official release of the troops basis plan to the states is expected at any time.

With release of the plan California and the other states subject to state approval will be allotted newly authorized units, and finally to close Phase I, old units which will not be carried forward into the post war national guard will be disbanded.

The tentative plans contemplate that California will have sufficient troops of the proper type to meet its state needs as well as an equitable proportion of those units essential to a balanced force within the nation.

Allottment of an infantry or armored division two squadrons of aircraft and supported units is under consideration for California in the nation's capital.

In Phase II of the war department plan the inactivated national guard units such as the 40th division will be released from federal to state status and control but the units will still be inactive.

At the same time, allocation of new units agreed upon and accepted by Califronia will be definitely made and the federal budget for the nation's share of support of the national guard will be submitted to congress for approval.

Good Year Ahead For California Sheep Men

DAVIS, Jan. 28—Easing of labor shortages, continuing governmental purchase of the wool clip and the excellent conditions of the range mean that 1946 will be generally a good year for the sheepman.

The sheep expert bases his prediction on the continued governmental purchases of wool, without which the future is uncertain because of indirect restrictions on the uses to which the domestic wool clip can be put.

Among these indirect restrictions pricing and other governmental controls which prevent American wool manufacturers from utilizing the wool in adequate production amount. The aim of the restrictions is to create a supply of cheap clothing for the public but in effect they limit the manufacturer to turning out near worthless garments which cannot give satisfaction. In turn this causes further public acceptance of the so-called wool substitutes to the detriment of the wool industry.

WORLD POLICING OF ATOM ENERGY IS FIRST NEED

Can we tame the atom bomb? asks J. A. Hutcheson associate director of Westinghouse Laboratories in an article in which he scouts both sides of the question and points to the danger of enemy agents as well as airborne missiles.

Only a handful of agents from an aggressor nation could cripple our major cities and in turn our country he pointed out in exploring this side of a weighty question.

Disguised as businessmen, perhaps in the foreign export trade they would only have to rent offices strategically located and then proceed to sow their bombs—brought in disguised as filing cases and set the stage for destruction of a city. After wiring the bombs for a pre determined detonation and they would leave the country and sit back safely to await the holocaust of atomic fury the writer points out.

It would be almost impossible to distinguish between these agents and legitimate businessmen, he asserts. With fifty nations in the world group one of them may try to promote its own interests to the extent of wreaking destruction on its fellow nations he feels.

On the other hand he notes the proper control of the atom can be the most beneficial single thing that ever happened to man. If atom energy is employed gainfully for the good of all men it is possible to reach heights never before envisioned including abolishing poverty from our midst he emphasized.

Pointing out that soon all countries will be able to manufacture atom bombs Hutchison sees the need for a world wide atom enegry commission with police powers superior to that of any nation. Along this line he points out there is every indication that a working control will be reached in view of the desire of most nations to establish an international organization which will try to develop the atom along lines of peace.

Grass Valley Chamber Installs New Officers

The annual dinner and installation of officers at Bret Harte Inn was attended by 140 members, friends and their wives. Speakers of the evening was Wilbur H. Haynes president of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce.

Wesley Donnenwirth relected president of the Grass Valley chamber for a second term presided. He introduced the new officers, board of directors and the visitors from the Sacramento chamber. Included in these besides Stone were Arthur Dudley secretary manager, W. G. Stone, manager of the industrial and transportation company and Roy Deary one of the directors.

Haynes described methods found effective by the Sacramento chamber in maintaining interest in the organization. One of these was a pamphlet issued to each member and to all new members as they joined, informing them of the work accomplished during the past year and of the projects the chamber had undertaken for the current year.

He told of the Sacramento chamber's general policy as affecting its relations with chambers in the Sacramento area. He said that the Sacramento chamber believed that what was good for Grass Valley was good for them.

Latter Day Saints Have New Bishop

At a special meeting over which Rev. W. T. Gaston, superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada district of the Assemblies of God, presided plans were drawn for a merger of the Bethany Church in Nevada City and Assembly of God Church in Grass Valley.

Both congregations it was reported, are unanimously in favor of such a union. It will entail erecting a new church building between the two cities. Until these plans are completed members and Sunday school children of Bethany Church will be provided with transportation to the Assembly of God Church in Grass Valley.

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AVIATION COMES OF AGE

If any proof is needed that the war weaned airplane industry is no longer a toddling infant requiring special favors from government the current report of the Air Express Division of the Railway Express Agency will furnish it. That record shows a 41 per cent increase in shipments in November, 1945 over a year ago.

Air transportation is adult. It's big business.

As such we believe it can best be fitted into the economy of our state by being regulated by the state railroad commission which concerns itself with rates, schedules and service for all other passenger and freight carrying businesses.

To add another special parallel commission for air transportation alone as has been suggested by a few members of the state legislature would only generate confusion and red tape.—Contributed.

YOUR POST WAR HOUSE

It may have been after he saw the already famous post war house in Los Angeles a veritable laboratory of the latest in home engineering that Dr. L. Boelter engineering dean at UCLA got an idea. The idea has flowerd into refresher courses for architects who've been away at war or otherwise out of business the last few years.

"How embarrassing it would be," the doctor mused, "for a good but rusty architect to be asked for musac in the carport and have to look blank and exclaim 'huh—what's that".

This house put up by builder Fritz Burns to get public reaction to the ultra modern in design and invention is an eye-popper. Ever hear of a disappearing electric toothbrush? There's one in the bathroom along with a violet ray lamp, hair drier, early morning chill killer that heats the body instead of the air, radio, magazine rack and a turret type plexiglas apparatus for converting the bathtub into a shower compartment. The kitchen has a hydraulic dish washer, frozen food unit, electric garbage disposal, console type refrigerator, clothes washer, drier and mangle in one unit—even an electric silverware sterilizer. Walls are stain proofed against every think from kids' hand marks to ink. There is a new type plastic of metals and revolutionized heating and lighting.

There's musac music over telephone wires, in the carport, successor to the garage with space for auto and helicopter.

Banking on Boelter's refreshed architects we're going to have a house like that one of the days—despite shortages, strikes, priorities and even Bowles himself.—Contributed.

ON ADVICE OF COUNSEL

Reckless union leadership lost face to the ears when the telephone walkout was suddenly halted, and when CIO Chief Phil Murray orally spanked Walter Reuther generalissimo of the United Automobile Workers.

Phone strike leaders explained their back down was decided "on advice of counsel"—union lawyers having suddenly "discovered" that the strike was in violation of the Smith-Conally Act. Unquestionably the lawyers knew that all the time.

Plainly enough the action was taken on "advice of counsel" but the counsellors were the American people. That type of strike against the convenience and welfare of the entire nation was so unpopular that strike directors beat a hasty retreat from their public be damned position on the only excuse they could think of at the moment.

In the other case, Murray told Reuther to quit trying to muscle in on the management's right to manage, and hue strictly to the old fashioned union line of getting more money for workers. It is hard to believe that Murray's chastisement of the UAW leader—coming so belatedly—expressed any change in personal attitude. It seems rather plain that he too prudently bowed to aroused public opinion.

If the responsible members of organized labor, whose true interests surely lie in preservation of labor's hard won rights and independence, will take counsel from the American public they will rid themselves of the arrogant rule or ruin czars whose goal is personal power through economic and political dictatorship. Unless they do restrictive and even harsh legislation to control labor excesses will come into being—inevitably. No one wants that if it can be avoided. But responsibility for avoiding it rests with the rank and file of labor.—Contributed.

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CADETS WANTED IN U S MERCHANT MARINE CORPS

New regulations whereby youths may now apply for appointment as cadet-midshipmen in the United States Merchant Marine Cadet Corps were announced by Com. E. G. McDonald USNR, district supervisor at San Francisco.

Candidates must be unmarried citizens not less than 16 1-2 years of age and not yet 21. They must produce evidence of credits from accredited schools consisting of 15 units as follows: two in mathematics including one in algebra and one in plane geometry, three in English, one in science, except biology, and nine electives.

High school seniors who should have a total of 15 units required and optional by June will be permitted to take the examination in April. Should they then qualify they will report as cadet midshipmen after graduation from high school. Credit will be allowed senior students for studies in progress at time of application subject to satisfactory completion.

Honorably discharged veterans of the armed forces and merchant marine are granted an age waiver to their 24th birthday and allowed five points additional on competitive examinations.

Physical as well as scholastic requirements similar to those of the U. S. Naval Academy also must be met. The cadet training course includes one year at a cadet school followed by a year aboard merchant or training ships including visits to foreign ports and two years at the academy, Kings Point, N. Y. Graduates presently receive licenses as deck or engine officers in the U. S. Merchant Marine plus commissions as ensigns in the naval reserve and the U. S. Maritime service.

Applications should be made directly to the district supervisor, U. S. Merchant Marine Cadet Corps, training organization, War Shipping Administration, 262 California St., San Francisco before March 1 for the next competitive test to be held April 3.

Ralph Greenwell, recently discharged from the army, where he served in the ETO with Patton's 3rd Army, has been appointed bishop for the Grass Valley Church of the Latter Day Saints. He succeeds Angus Fox who has held the office for many years.

Chester Staley and Lynn Wright have been appointed councillors for the church.

PENSONALS

Mrs. H. T. Bigelow left last week for Modesto where she plans to spend several days.

Mrs. Chester Havey has returned to her home on the Nevada City Grass Valley highway after having been in the Miners hospital for some time.

Umberto Soga is in the hospital at Camp Beale being treated for an illness contrated in the Pacific area.

Leroy Christenson received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army last week. Leroy was a member of the 879th Airborne Engineers and has spent over two years in the Burma area. He is now at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Christenson on East Broad Street.

Pfc. Warren Smith arrived at Camp Beale from Camp Carson last week and is being processed there for his discharge from the army. Smith was a member of the 10th Mountain division and spent several months in Italy.

Mrs. Frances L. Caldwell of Alturas celebrated her 80th birthday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Leland Smith on Sunday, Jan. 20th. Three sisters Mrs. N. E. Kresge of Chico, Mrs. Elsie Fellencer of Auburn, Mrs. Amelia Hulbert of Roseville a niece, Mrs. Geo. Clement and a nephew Owen Kresge were present at the dinner and social time enjoyed.

P. G. E. Purchases Two Short Electric Lines

L. R. Farrell district manager of Pacific Gas and Electric Nevada district at Grass Valley announced that the California Railroad Commission had approved the application of the PGE to purchase the Sierra City Light and Power system from Mrs. Johanna Goff.

The system will be taken over by the PGE on February 1 and will eventually be tied into the company network by extending a 12 KV line from Downieville to Sierra City.

The PGE has also announced the purchase of the privately owned Poverty Hill partnership 30 KV line which extends from Pike City 16 miles norteast to the Poverty Hill Mine. The company in taking over this line will immediately arrange to construct a line to serve the Calida Lumber Mill which is the largest green lumber mill in this section of the country.

OLD LANDMARK RAZED

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24—One of the first permanent structures to rise from the ashes of the 1906 fire in downtown San Francisco is being torn down. It is the Babcock building on the northwest cornor of Sansame and California streets. A five story office building will replace it.

Not Much Chance Of Finding New Planets

LOS ANGELES, Jan 28—Possibilities of finding any new planets, even with the giant Mt. Palomar telescope are slim according to Clyde W. Tombaugh visiting assistant professor of astronomy, University of California.

Tombaugh who discovered the planet Pluto in 1930 at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff has scanned two thirds of the entire sky in a search for other members of the solar system. Altogether he has examined 50,000,000 stars.

Pluto which travels at the outer edge of the known solar system is too faint to be seen with the naked eye. It has a brightness equal to the 15th magnitude and some 15,000,000 stars in the sky send more light to earth. It is so dim even in the best existing telescopes that its disk can not be discerned; its discovery was based on its motion rather than in its visual characteristics.

Although Tombaugh's search disclosed 70 new planetoids fragments of less than planetary dimensions he found no evidence of additional planets beyound Pluto.

Forecasts New Elegance In Womens Clothing

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28—An era of elegance and feminity in womens clothes is predicted for the very near future by Miss Edna S. Henner, lecturer in art and home economies.

"With the anxious war days past more spirited fashions for women are coming into being. Noted designers have delved into fashion history for picturesque empire, Flemish and regency necklines. In spite of government regulations the 1946 feminine silhouette will have a new look of fullness. The return of pure silk and linens this spring spells an era of extreme feminine elegance."

Mrs. Henner will give two series of lectures open for public enrollment. One of these wlil deal with the economics of fashion while a second will deal with applied costume designs. Lectures will be presented at 813 South Hill Street.

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JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder if the heavenly orbs
Look down upon this world of strife
And gossip with their neighbor orbs
About the woes of earthly life;
Anf if the staid, old fashioned stars
Regard our ways with stern derision
And thank the lucky stars that their
Affairs are regulated with precision.

If the stars and planets know and understand the ways of human beings with the world which they inhabit they must feel a degree of scorn for the lack of order and precision with which our earthly affairs are conducted, but probably they know as little of us as we do of them so we all go our destined ways willy nilly hoping for the best and sometimes moving for short distances along the right path.

The unwavering calm and assured precision of the sidereal universe might not seem so impressive were we near enough to observe the modus operandi of bright orbs and realize its successes. It might be that certain orderly stars might blaze out at us in energy or smother us with poisonous vapors. Might collide with a wandering comet, the heavenly orbs are not so placid as we have been taught to believe, so let us not waste too much time in envying them rather let us study our own problems and strive mightily to put our own house in order.

The United States is at the present in a state of turbulent unrest, before it is calmed we shall have a good idea about who is to blame for the melee and public opinion will place the blame where it belongs. That will be a desirable step forward and perhaps from that point we can go forward compose the domestic scene and get to work on reconversion plans.

Democracy must be made to function if we are to have our inheritances of liberty if the powers that be allow democracy to go down in defeat we may be forced into public ownership of utilities socialism or even a new thing which may be called CIOcracy that would be something now under the gun. Solomon to the contrary.

More faith in one another less faith in time worn creeds more kindly words out spoken are what our country needs. More faith in human service less faith in olden ways more voices saying brother, more hope for coming days. Less carping criticism more standing side by side our little paths are narrow that should be smooth and wide. The differences we cherish are figments of a dream less than the fragile bubbles upon a rippling stream. More faith in our alikeness in heart and mind and deed more truth in daily service are what our country needs.—A. Merriam Conner.

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Two Forest Supervisors Are Transferred

Regional Forester S. B. Show today announced the transfer on March 1 of Supervisor S. A. Nash of Los Padres national forest at Santa Barbara to the California region headquarters of the U. S. forest service in San Francisco. Nash Boulden will direct state wide federal activities in forest fire prevention.

Supervisor Boulden has had 34 years experience in national forest administration in this state. He has been closely associated with all phases of forest fire control and is well qualified to fill this position which will have as its principal objective the development of policies and methods to reduce man caused fires and fire hazards. During last year more than 750 man caused fires burned 50,000 acres within the national forests.

Show has named Andrew G. Brenneis supervisor of the Trinity national forest. Weaverville as successor to Supervisor Boulden. Brenneis a professionally trained forester was first employed by the U. S. forest service in 1926 and has served as supervisor of the Cleveland Lassen and Trinity national forests.

Two Boys Found Drunk Along Roadside

Burton Kieffer, 19 and Norman Etherington 13, were found early Thursday morning in a drunken condition along the roadside near Le Barr Meadows. The younger boy was in ditch, thoroughly wet and unconscious from too much liquor.

They were brought to the county jail by Undersheriff William Woods. They will be questioned it was announced by the sheriff's office, regarding a broken show window at the Grass Valley public market from which two bottles of liquor, a bottle of apricot brandy and a bottle of rock and rye had disappeared Stones which had been thrown through the window were found inside.

Mrs. John Hodgson of Colfax was a visitor in Nevada City last week.

Early Day Firehouse Is Being Renovated

Sponsored by the Women's Civic Club, the work of restoring the early-day fire house on Main Street has begun. Ted Lindsay is in charge of the project.

The belfry which had begun to lean, will be returned to a vertical position. The rest of the building will be repaired, braced and painted. It is constructed of handcut shingles in an ornate pattern and is liberally adorned with "gingerbread". The features will remain.

Miss Marie Pierce And Bobbie Hattox Wed

Miss Marie Pierce of Breckenridge, Texas and Bobbie J. Hattox Jr. of Grass Valley were married January 12th in the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Jesse Rudkin.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pierce of Texas and a graduate of the schools in Eastland, Texas. She has been employed as a stenographer.

Hattox is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Hattox Sr. of 603 Mill St. He will be associated with his father in the garage and service station business.

SECOND SEMESTER OPENS

Grass Valley and Nevada City schools this morning opened their second semester of the 1945-46 school year. Grade reports for the semester closing last Friday will be made to the students Wednesday.

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A Letter to the President of the United States

January 18, 1946

Hon. Harry S. Truman
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your proposal to me in Washington last evening that the wage demand of the United Steelworkers of America-CIO be settled on the basis of a wage increase of 18½ cents an hour, retroactive to January 1, 1946, cannot, I regret to say, be accepted by the United States Steel Corporation for the reasons set forth below.

As you must be aware, your proposal is almost equivalent to granting in full the Union's revised demand of a wage increase of 19½ cts. an hour, which was advanced by Philip Murray, the President of the Union, at our collective bargaining conference with the Union in New York a week ago today. In our opinion, there is no just basis from any point of view for a wage increase to our steel workers of the large size you have proposed, which, if put into effect, is certain to result in great financial harm not only to this Corporation but also to users of steel in general.

As I have tried to make clear to you and other government officials during our conferences in Washington over the past few days, there is a limit in the extent to which the Union wage demands can be met by us. We reached that limit when we raised our offer to the Union last Friday from a wage increase of 12½ cents an hour to one of 15 cents an hour. This would constitute the highest single wage increase ever made by our steel-making subsidiaries. Our offer of 15 cents was equivalent to meeting 60% of the Union's original excessive demand of a $2 a day general wage increase. Our offer met 75% of the Union's final proposal of a wage increase of 19½ cents an hour. A wage increase of 15 cents an hour, such as we offered, would increase the direct labor costs of our manufacturing subsidiaries by approximately $60,000,000 a year. That is a most substantial sum, and does not take into account the higher costs we shall have to pay for purchased goods and services, when large wage increases generally become effective throughout American industry, as is inevitable after a substantial increase in steel wages.

As you know, collective bargaining negotiations with the Union broke down at the White House yesterday afternoon, because Mr. Murray then refused to budge from his position that a country wide steel strike must take place, unless steel workers are granted a general wage increase of 19½ cents an hour. Our offer of a wage increase of 15 cents an hour was again rejected by the Union.

The Union threatened to go ahead with its program for a national steel strike at midnight next Sunday, although such a strike will be a clear violation of the no-strike provision contained in our labor contracts with the Union, which continue by their terms until October 15, 1946.

From the outset, we have recognized how injurious a steel strike will be to reconversion and to the economy of this whole country. Most industries are dependent upon a supply of steel for their continued operations. We have done everything reasonably within our power to avert such a strike. If a strike occurs, the responsibility rests with the Union.

When the Government at the eleventh hour informed us about a week ago of its willingness to sanction an increase in steel ceiling prices, we at once resumed collective bargaining negotiations with the Union. Such price action by the Government was a recognition by it of the right of the steel industry to receive price relief because of past heavy increases in costs, something which the steel industry for many months has unsuccessfully sought to establish with OPA.

I should like again to point out some pertinent facts relative to the wages of our steel workers.

Since January, 1941, the average straight-time hourly pay, without overtime, of our steel workers has increased more than the 33% increase in the cost of living during that period, recently computed by Government authorities. Steel workers' wages have kept pace with increased living costs. Such average straight-time pay in our steel-producing subsidiaries was $1.14 an hour in each of the months of September, October and November 1945, excluding any overtime premium and any amount for correction of possible wage inequities. An increase of 15 cents, in accordance with our offer, would raise such average straight-time pay to $1.29 an hour, placing such pay among the highest today in all of American industry.

Under our offer of a 15 cent increase, the average weekly take-home pay of our steel workers for a forty-hour week would amount to $51.60, assuming that no overtime is involved. This figure is only $4.54 less than the actual average weekly earnings of these employees, including overtime, in the last full war year of 1944, when the average work week was 46.1 hours. The difference is really less, because we will undoubtedly continue to have overtime in the future, just as we have at the present time. In November, 1945, overtime premiums to our steel workers aggregated more than $1,300,000. Such reduction of $4.54 in weekly take-home pay is the natural consequence of a shorter work week of forty hours, and therefore one of lower production.

Much as we desire to avoid a steel strike, we cannot overlook the effect both on this Corporation and on our customers and American business in general, of the 18½ cent an hour wage increase, which you have proposed. Such a wage increase must result in higher prices for steel than have previously been proposed to us by the Government. Great financial harm would soon follow for all users of steel who would be obliged to pay higher prices for their steel, higher wages to their employees, and still have the prices for their own products subject to OPA control. Such a high and unjustified wage scale might well spell financial disaster for many of the smaller steel companies and for a large number of steel fabricators and processors. The nation needs the output of these companies. Increased wages and increased prices which force companies out of business can only result in irreparable damage to the American people.

In our judgment, it is distinctly in the public interest to take into account the injurious effect upon American idustry of an unjustified wage increase in the steel industry.

After a full and careful consideration of your proposal we have reached the conclusion above stated.

Respectfully yours,
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GENERAL MOTORS STRIKE
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solved by labor union leaders or government representatives who are without responsibility for results without the experience and without the knowledge which would enable them to deal with such problems intellingently and successfully. The 30 per cent increase demanded in the hourly wage rate without increase in productivity would on the basis of the General Motors publicly certified 1944 report put that company out of business if conditions otherwise were the same.

Has the Stockholder Any Rights?

The stockholders of the General Motors number 424,000 compared with 336,000 employees. Ownership is from a few shares up; in general represents the thrifty savings of a very large number of people. If earnings thereon disappear the savings themselves disappear. These owners like the employees are subject to increased costs of living and the heavy burden of taxes. In the face of these increased costs, the General Motors stockhelders dividends were reduced during the three years of the war period 1942-3-4—26 per cent compared with the average for the preceding five years ending with 1941. The earnings of the corporation averaged 12 per cent less. The employees during this period received marked increases in rates of pay.

In various industries investors have also suffered from refunding or preferred stocks and bonds at lower fixed rates of return. It osn't justice and it is not good business to destroy thrift by refusing a fair return on savings, since savings, individual and corporate are alone the great motive power that provides for expansion in goods and services in volume and variety essential to our country's welfare. The millions of inarticulate unorganized stockholders of the General Motors and other industries whose rights and equities are being wholly disregarded in the controversies are entitled to their day in court on the basis of their own interest and as well that of the entire country.

Price Fixing in Peacetime

The public is certainly more interested in getting motor cars and other needed things than it is in having the government at Washington in peace time fix prices that stop or interfere with production.... the grit in the smooth roller bearing interchange of two billion or more business transactions a day that sustain the life in our free enterprise system. No well establihhed company such as the General Motors and the other motor car companies whose maintenance and progress have followed the policies of something better all the time at less cost should even be suspected of establishing policies that would create inordinate profits merely because of a pent up demand. Aside from the competitive situation any such policy of getting while the getting is good would ruin any company. And neither our motor industry nor any other great American business has been created on that basis.

And do not the well meaning gentlemen in Washington realize that American industry is getting tired of being constantly suspect, of being apparently prejudged as enemies of society and with no ambition save avarice? When the record is just the opposite and when without the taxpayers capacity of successful business governments at Washington or elsewhere could not exist under domocratic forms.

As stated before in the first year after World War I, the department of labor showed a record of 3630 strikes with 4,000,000 employees quitting work. We settled our difficulties then and went ahead in an era of great expansion and now as then there must be an enduring meeting of minds between management and men where employees are organized—constituting probably 14 per cent certainly not over 20 per cent of those gainfully employed. With firm relationships established on thorough understanding this country can go forward with material progress beyond any heretofore experienced.

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This thirty million dollars is money spent for the future growth of this area. And we in Northern California must look ahead and be prepared. This is a time to get ready for the growth of new businesses, small or large; for the expansion of local factories or of larger industries backed by outside capital. It is a time to create jobs for our increased population and the development of markets for the products of factory and farm.

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Jury Disagrees In Trial Of Wm. Haynes

The trial of William Haynes, charged with the burglary of Alpha Stores, Ltd., in this city ended Thursday with a disagreement among the jury. The trial was held with Judge Arthur Coates of Sutter County presiding.

Involved in the case was a revolver, which it was alleged Haynes had taken from the Alpha Stores Ltd. on the night of June 12th, 1945. Haynes admitted ownership of the revolver, but declared he had purchased it from a man in Oakland, whose name he had forgotten. His attorney declared that though it had been shown that the revolver was stolen, the prosecution had failed to prove Haynes took it from Alpha Stores Ltd.

The revolver was identified by its serial number as one taken from the Alpha Stores by Ray Murchie store manager. Possession of it led to the conviction of Haynes in Oregon. Following his release from jail there he was returned to Nevada County for trial. When he pleaded not guilty to the robbery of June 12, he was sentenced to San Quentin on his plea of guilty to his earlier robbery.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Bertocini-Martin — In Nevada City, January 24, 1946 George J. Bertoncini, 27 and Barbara Jean Martin 23, both of Grass Valley.

Chaney-Ivey—In Nevada City, January 24, 1946 Ernest Powell Chaney 21, Oceanside, San Diego County and Marjorie Marie Ivey of Nevada City.

LOOKING AHEAD

BY GEORGE S. BENSON
President—Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas

Mud-Daubers

Down here in the Mississippi Valley we are all acquainted with a species of wasps called mud-daubers. They are relatively harmless, build little adobe huts in high, protected spots and look out for their own interests. By instinct they are engineers and diplomats but, like so many insects, they know very little about modern industry. Some of their mistakes are costly.

An aristocratic family named Sceliphron Cementarius (common mud-daubers) got busy one summer and built a fort inside the vent pipe on top of a big steel tank of heating oil. The tank had been filled in the Spring for Fall marketing and stood quiet for months. Finally came an order for a barge load of heating oil and the plant owner started pumping it out of storage. Suddenly the big tank collapsed.

Too Much Authority

The oil man's motor-powered pump silently pulled out the liquid and built up vacuum inside the tank. Being in a position to plug up a vent-line and call down the forces of nature to destroy property and waste merchandise is too much authority for a mud-dauber. To be perfectly frank, the more I observe the workings of the OPA, the surer I am that such authority is too much for anybody.

Right now our governmental price fixers have the vent-line closed on some exceptionally tight structures and the pump has already started. "People who buy machines shall not pay more for them," says government, but (with government consent) people who manufacture machines must pay more, much more, for every hour of effective labor, and for every pound of processed material.

Strong for Service

I am in favor of workers getting high wages. The more take-home pay America's factory workers earn and get, the more food and feed stuff our farmers will sell. It means prosperity. Just the same, nature's laws are inexorable. If wages keep going up, somebody'd better uncork that price line or business is sure to collapse. Some firms already have folded up and more are in jeopardy.

America's big manufacturing concerns have some strength; of course they have. They need financial strength to navigate economic storms, race with competition and meet payrolls on schedule. The more strength they have the more useful they are. That oil man's tank had a great deal of strength too; was useful because it was strong, but it buckled because a mud-dauber asked it to hold a vacuum.

Sublime Vandalism

Big corporations *have* to be efficient. If they grow extravagant, a lot of small concerns with lower overhead stand ready to undersell them and take their trade. Accordingly, big firms must operate on thin margins of profit. Figuratively, they are tight. They can be "pumped down" by holding their prices and boosting their costs. Ford declares a $27 net loss on every new car sold at prices fixed by government.

Nearly everybody knows that America's advantage over foreign lands is based on mass production and volume sales, things we have that they don't have. We have nothing to gain and much to lose by wrecking big industries. Theodore Roosevelt said, "It . . . ought to be evident to everybody that business has to prosper before anybody can get any benefit from it."

NEW HEADS FOR N S, NDGW

The Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West of Grass Valley have completed arrangements for a joint, public installation of officers this evening in the Elks Building.

Mrs. Pauline Patterson will become president of Manzanita Parlor of Native Daughters of the Golden West and Ted Kohler will head the Quartz Parlor of Native Sons.

MASONIC HONOR

Raymond Worthley of this city has been appointed inspector of the 13th Masonic district. He succeeds Charles Ingram, former welfare administrator here who recently accepted a similar office in San Bernardino County and resigned his Masonic post.

HIGH ACCIDENT RATE

For almost every mile of California's rural state highway system one person was either killed or injured in 1944. Casualties totalled 11,107, for 12,869 miles of the road system. Major traffic routes comprising 20 per cent of the state highway mileage were the scenes of 47 per cent of the accidents.

CARBON MONOXIDE GAS

Carbon monoxide gas is particularly dangerous to motorists because it is odorless, colorless and tasteless and its presence is therefore often unnoticed. Motorists should always keep one window of the car partially open as a safeguard.

Farmers And Merchants Field Set For Feb. 8

Following a conference among Farm Adviser William H. Brooks, Ray J. Kronemeyer and members of the Grass Valley chamber's rural relations committee and C. W. Rubel of the University of California Extension Division it was agreed that a farm cooperative field day will be held in Grass Valley on February 8.

The farmers of Nevada County on that day will be invited to attend conferences and panel discussions on farming and stock raising topics, with specialists in several fields will play a major role. Merchants and professional men of Grass Valley will be hosts for the day.

Arrangements have been made with the Extension Division for the participation in the discussions of W. E. Newlon, poultry specialist, Lloyd W. Brown, soils and irrigation and Vard Shepherd, livestock. Other specialists to be named later will include those in dairying, fruits and 4-H club organization and work.

Business Men's Association Formed

At a meeting of merchants in the Union Hotel for dinner, the Nevada City Business Men's Association was organized with Glen Roscoe chosen president, Frank Notterman, vice president, Douglas Craik, executive secretary and R. J. Berggren, treasurer.

Rollin Farmin on the staff of the Idaho Maryland Mine gave a short talk on the mining situation as it now exists in Nevada County. H. F. Sofge, secretary of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce gave a brief address stressing the fact that 90% of the business men present were members of the chamber.

Craik announced that the group will aid the chamber in all its problems. It was decided to hold the next dinner meeting at Deer Creek Inn.

Nevada University Prexy To Speak Here

Guest speaker for Father's Night which the Nevada City Elementary PTA will celebrate February 20th in the Elementary school auditorium will be Dr. John O. Moseley, president of the University of Nevada.

Dr. Moseley was one of the speakers at Nevada County Teachers Institute in Grass Valley in November Fathers Night will be a dinner event and a large attendance is expected.

Ollie J. Crunk Weds Miss Dorothy Daley

Miss Dorothy B. Daley and Ollie J. Crunk were married in the Methodist Church with the double ring ceremony at 1 o'clock January 23. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Jesse Rudkin.

Miss Charlotte Daley, sister of the bride was maid of honor. The best man was Edward Scofield.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Daley of South School Street and graduated from the Grass Valley high school with the class of 1940. For the past three years she has been employed by Camp Beale. Her husband was recently discharged from the U. S. Army after a service of four years and nine months, much of the time in the European theatre.

He is now employed as coustruction worker in Grass Valley. The couple will make their home here.

ST. VALENTINE DANCE.

The Nevada City Elks Lodge will give a St. Valentine's dance Saturday evening, February 2nd in its club rooms here. Members, their wives and friends will be invited.

Dinner will be served at 7:30 and dancing will be the diversion from 9 p. m. until 2 a. m.

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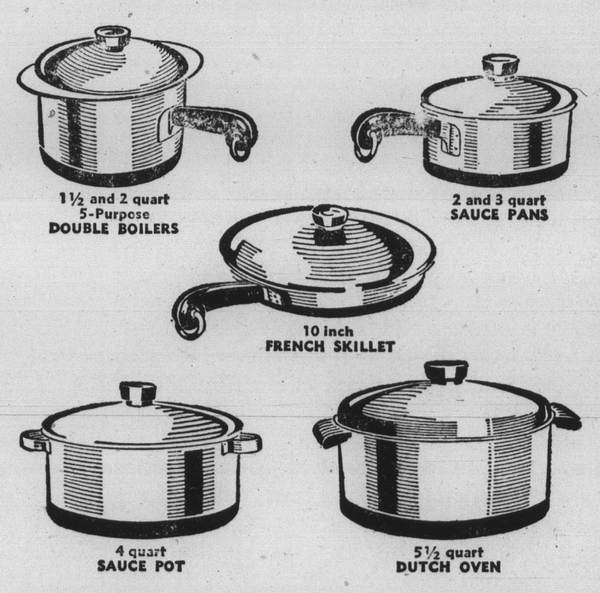

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